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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

REQUEST FOR REPORTS ON DYSENTERY.

Medical officers, acting assistant surgeons of the Marine-Hospital Service, secretaries of State boards of health, and other sanitarians are requested to report as soon as practicable whether dysentery is prevailing in their respective localities, giving the type of the disease, number of cases (when possible), and mortality. The information is desired for the purpose of scientific investigations which are being made on this subject.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

[Telegram.]

Plague on board steamship Carlisle City at San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., June 22, 1901.

British steamer *Carlisle City* from Hongkong, 1 death before reaching Honolulu; 5 deaths between Honolulu and San Diego; last death two days ago; 5 of the deaths undoubtedly due to plague; all well on board at present; every precaution taken. Am disinfecting.

McKAY.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Telegram—Later.]

SAN DIEGO, CAL., June 24, 1901.

Five cases among the crew; 1 steerage passenger; all Chinese and all fatal. Cargo, matting, rice beans, wine, peanut oil, canned Chinese provisions, jar goods; steamer full freight, half for San Diego, balance for San Francisco; original crew 44 Chinese, 8 Europeans; passengers, steerage 12 (Chinese), cabin 1 (European); sailed Hongkong May 16, Yokohama May 29; cook taken sick June 6, died June 9; no glandular swelling; arrived Honolulu 6 a. m. June 11, sailed at 6 p. m. June 13; fireman ill June 14, died June 19; glandular swelling; donkeyman ill June 17, died June 19; glandular swelling; greaser ill June 17, died June 21; glandular swelling; sailor ill June 18, died June 20; glandular swelling; steerage passenger ill (noon) June 18, died 1.30 p. m. All had high temperature, pain in back and limbs, and glandular regions. Dead rats noticed before first case illness. Cases occurred different parts ship; fore-castle disinfected, steam, sulphur, bichloride; steerage and sick bay, sulphur, bichloride. Passengers and crew bathed